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Residents urged to enter Water-Wise Garden Tour;

Dallas Water Utilities is now accepting entries for inclusion in the 2008 tour

DALLAS – Dallas Water Utilities (DWU) is now accepting entries for the 13th Annual Water-Wise Garden Tour, to be held June 7. The event will showcase the best North Texas water-wise residential and commercial landscapes, with prizes donated by local businesses.

Entrants will be judged by a panel of gardening and water conservation experts on the landscape's aesthetic appeal and use of water-wise gardening techniques. Water-wise or Xeriscape gardening uses native and adapted plants that can handle extreme North Texas weather and require less water.

"More than half of Dallas' spring and summer water use goes directly on lawns and gardens," said Carole Davis, DWU conservation program manager. "The Water-Wise Garden Tour shows how to have a beautiful landscape, while saving time, money and energy and preventing water pollution and water waste. It's another way Dallas residents can learn that every drops counts in our efforts to save Dallas water."

Entry rules are available at http://www.savedallaswater.com/pdf/2008_wwlra_guidelines.pdf or call (214) 670-3155 for more information. Judging will take place in April; all entries must be postmarked no later than April 11.

Dallas resident efforts have saved an estimated 70 billion gallons of water since 2001. By the year 2050, it is estimated that 30 percent of Dallas' water supply will need to come from conservation efforts, such as employing water-wise gardening and landscaping principles.

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About City of Dallas Water Utilities City of Dallas Water Utilities and its *Save Dallas Water* campaign strives to raise awareness about water conservation by providing local citizens with facts and information to encourage conservation at all levels of our community. The main goals of the Water Conservation Program are to extend the life of existing water supplies, reduce water waste and per capita consumption. To find out more information on City of Dallas Water Utilities Conservation programs please visit www.savedallaswater.com.



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